



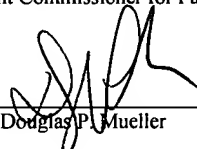
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Applicant: BERG ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 09/370,417 Group Art Unit: 3629
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Title: FENCE STRAND RETAINER CLIP FOR FENCE POSTS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 9, 2000, said period of response being extended from August 9, 2000 to November 9, 2000.

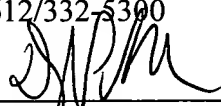
Our check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,



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